REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11, 14-21, 24-28, 30, 35-39 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,319,362 (Hyatt). Claims 12, 13, 22, 23, 29, 31-34, 40-41 and 43 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this amendment, various claim revisions have been made as merely a formal matter to better conform the claim terminology to the specification and provide certain additional clarifying amendments. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10-18, 20, 21, 23-26, 28-37, 39-43 have been amended and claims 26, 27, 38 and 39 have been canceled. In general, the claims have been amended to use the terms "Location", "Device", "Device-User", "Database-User", and "Software", in capitalized form, to be consistent with the use and definition of these terms provided, for example, on pages 9-11 of the present specification. In addition, new claims 44 and 45 have been added.

Applicants initially note that claims 31, 32, 41 and 43 have been rewritten in independent form in response to the Examiner's objection as noted above. For this reason, these claims should be in complete condition for allowance.

The Rejection of Claims 1-11, 14-21, 24-28, 30, 35-39 and 42

Of the original independent claims, claims 1, 14 and 28 remain pending in amended form. Each of these independent claims will be addressed below, separately, along with their respective dependent claims.

Claims 1-11

In pertinent part, independent claim 1 now sets forth "said Software operable to perform one or more functions including at least one of adding, modifying, deleting and viewing entries in said databases, said functions selectable by each said Database-User according to said Database-User's password." The Examiner refers to the Hyatt reference and specifically to column 4, line 54 to column 5, line 10 and column 6, lines 10-62 of that reference. These passages in the Hyatt reference relate to the establishment of "key classes" that determine what functions the controller of Hyatt's security system will perform when the key is appropriately read by a reader associated with the security system. For example, Hyatt discloses that a "class 1 key" denotes a regular key having no program effect on the controller. A "class 2 key" denotes that the key holder is handicapped and would instruct the controller to override a PIN key pad entry verification and an auto-relock feature. A "class 3 key" denotes that the key holder is management and instructs the controller to override anti-passback features and PIN key pad entry verification. A "class 4 key" is not presented to unlock a door but instructs the controller to override any automatic time controlled lock operation. Column 6, lines 10-62 relate to the input of a PIN via a numeric key pad to open a locked door. These features of Hyatt do not relate to Applicants' invention as set forth in claim 1.

Claim 1 of the present application now clearly sets forth Software for performing one or more functions "including at least one of adding, modifying, deleting and viewing entries in said databases" with "said functions selectable by each said Database-User according to said Database-User's password." The different "key

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classes" disclosed in the Hyatt reference, as well as the standard entry of a PIN number

to open a lock, fail to anticipate the specific elements of Applicants' system set forth in

claim 1. Specifically, there is no manner in the Hyatt system for adding, modifying,

deleting or viewing entries in a database according to a Database-User's password

which corresponds to a level of access for that Database-User. For these reasons, the

Hyatt reference is not an appropriate reference under § 102 and, moreover, further fails

to suggest or motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the claimed invention.

For at least these reasons, claims 1-11 are allowable over the Hyatt reference and the

other art of record.

Claims 14-21 and 24-26

Independent claim 14 has been amended to recite "wherein real time data

is maintained in said databases on the status of each said Device, one or more

Locations, Device-User and Database-Users." In this regard, the Examiner refers to the

abstract of the Hyatt reference which states, in pertinent part, "[t]he controller is also

capable of writing and altering key memory data in real time to control the subsequent

use of the key." The Examiner also refers to the passages in column 4, column 5 and

column 6 of Hyatt as generally discussed above. While Hyatt may disclose that a

controller in a security system is capable of writing and altering key memory data in real

time to control the subsequent use of the key, this fails to anticipate the claimed subject

matter in which real time data is maintained in databases on "the status of each of said

Devices, Locations, Device-Users and Database-Users." There is simply no discussion

in Hyatt of a database that includes information on Devices, Locations, Device-Users

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and Database-Users as those terms are used in claim 14. For at least these reasons, independent claim 14, as well as dependent claims 15-26, are in complete condition for allowance.

Claims 28-30, 35-37, 39, 40 and 42

Independent claim 28 is a method claim and has been amended to recite, in pertinent part, "providing one or more functions selected by said Database-User from the group consisting of adding, modifying, deleting and viewing data entries from said at least one database." For the reasons generally expressed above, the Hyatt reference is also no longer applicable to independent claim 28. That is, the security system disclosed by Hyatt fails to provide one or more functions that include adding or modifying or deleting or viewing data entries from at least one database containing data related to a secured Location, an entry control Device, Device-Users, or Database-Users. For these reasons, claim 28, as well as dependent claims 29, 30, 35-37, 40 and 42 are allowable over the Hyatt reference and the other art of record.

New Claims 44 and 45

Independent claim 44 is allowable for reasons similar to those expressed above. In particular, claim 44 is directed to an interactive system for managing access to a secured Location through an entry control Device used by a Device-User, with the system being accessible by a Database-User operating through a communication network. The system includes at least one database requiring a different level of access for different types of data stored in the at least one database. The system further includes Software configured to require a password from the Database-User
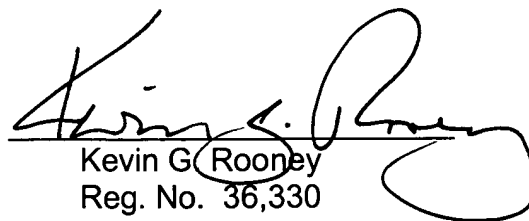
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corresponding to one of the levels of access. The Software allows one or more

functions including at least one of adding, modifying, deleting and viewing data in the at

least one database, with the functions selectable by each Database-User according to

the Database-User's password. Applicants respectfully submit that the Hyatt reference

and the other art of record fail to disclose or suggest this combination of elements.

Therefore, independent claim 44 and dependent claim 45 are also in condition for

allowance.

If the Examiner believes any matter requires further discussion, the

Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter

may be promptly resolved.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this

response. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the

Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary

fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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